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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 10 a.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God, You are our God. Eagerly we seek You, longing to see Your strength and glory. Today, assure the Members of this body of Your love and give them unshakeable confidence in Your providential leading. Lord, teach them what they should think and do, as You illuminate their path so that they will not stumble. As You have led this Nation through troubled times in the past, be now to us our source of life and light and wisdom. Inspire us all so that we may know and do Your will.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 14, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED—Resumed

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 250, S. 1940.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 250, S. 1940, a bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of Senator MCCONNELL, if any, the next hour will be divided and controlled between the two leaders. It will be equally divided.

The majority will control the first half and the Republicans will control the final half.

We are still working on trying to finish an agreement to the farm bill so we can move forward. It is disappointing we don't already have something, but hope is still here, and I hope we can get that done. It is a very important piece of legislation, but a few Senators are holding this up and that is too bad. I have agreed we can have some amendments. I had a nice colloquy on the floor yesterday with Senator COBURN, who is concerned about this bill and legislation generally. He indicated that he thought it was a good idea to have a number of amendments and start voting on them, so I hope we can get there. We can't do all 250 amendments that are out there, but we can do a lot of them, so let's see where we are. I hope we can get it done.

We are on the flood insurance bill. We have to get to that. The flood insurance expires at the end of this month.

We will continue to work on an agreement with the farm bill.

I also hope to reconsider the failed cloture vote on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, to be an ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Votes are possible throughout today's session. Senators will be notified when they are scheduled.

Would the Chair announce the business of the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

Under the previous order, the following hour will be equally divided and

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